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Dr. Hodges has worked in the field of Injury Prevention for 5 years as the Research Unit Director and has worked with a variety of injury programs, including suicide prevention, anti-bullying programs, rape prevention, the Click It or Ticket program, ATV safety, and fire prevention programs. In addition, she is the Program Evaluator of the Alabama Asthma Program. The Injury Prevention Branch recently received a Garrett Lee Smith Suicide Prevention Grant for the state of Alabama and Dr. Hodges was instrumental in writing the grant and will be the Program Evaluator and Data Analyst for the program. She is a suicidologist and frequently lectures about suicide and related topics. In addition, she is working to initiate an occupational injury surveillance system and has worked closely with the CDC in the area of disaster-related injuries. Dr. Hodges has a PhD from the University of Alabama at Birmingham in Public Health and is currently an adjunct professor for UAB, acting as a liaison between UAB and ADPH. She frequently guest lectures on a number of topics in a variety of arenas.